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Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1, 1886, *as follows:*

By	tax list of 1885,	$10,598.96
	Interest on same,	20.42
	Cash borrowed of M. W. White,	700.00
	Railroad tax,	232.52
	Literary fund,	151.28
	Savings bank tax,	2,307.89
	Bounty on woodchucks,	73.60
	Town of Hill, repairs on Gerry bridge,	36.14
	County of Grafton, for support of paupers,	358.22
	S. H. Cross, for lumber,	12.19
	For rent of town hall,	25.10
	Cash in treasury of 1884,	$1.328.44
	E. P. Sawyer, for sewer pipe,	10.00
		$15,854.76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid	State tax,	$1,344.00
	County tax,	1,351.26
		$2,695.26

School Money for 1885.

Paid:

Dist. No. 1, M. Ballou,	$33.49
" 2, K. E. Dearborn,	1,775.23
" 3, O. P. Hall,	32.14
" 4, H. N. Emmons,	22.51
" 5, A. J. Ferrin,	29.65
" 6, S. K. Worthen,	39.59
" 7, Benj. Gray,	18.58
" 8, E. T. Pike,	59.49
" " " for repairs of school house,	8.00
" 9, N. T. Chase,	41.81
	$2,060.49

Highways and Bridges.

Elijah Sanborn's District.

Paid:

April 25, G. L. Tilton, breaking roads,	$6.00	
Jan. 30, E. Sanborn, "	4.07	
Amount as per agent's receipts,	71.67	
		$81.74

E. M. Drake's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts.	$231.86	
April 25, G. L. Tilton, breaking roads,	4.25	
June 27, J. W. Wilbur, "	5.00	
July 11, K. E. Dearborn, "	3.00	
Nov. 28, E. M. Drake and help,	118.30	
Dec. 26, R. Blake, breaking roads in 1884 and 1885,	12.50	
Mrs. J. W. Sanborn, breaking roads in 1885,	8.12	
S. N. Colby,	10.50	
Jan. 2, C. A. Pearson,	6.89	
J. A. Haynes,	2.75	
Feb. 22, G. H. Hammond,	1.45	
E. M. Drake and help,	46.09	
		$450.71

N. B. Butrick's District.

Amount expended as per agent's receipts,	$128.72	
Mar. 7, breaking roads,	9.00	
April 23, J. W. Wells,	13.75	
G. L. Tilton,	3.50	
June 27, N. B. Butrick, labor and help,	31.05	
J. W. Wilbur,	17.50	
G. L. Tilton,	33.77	
July 25, N. B. Butrick,	42.69	
Aug. 29, H. H. and L. F. Pattee,	37.00	
Oct. 31, R. S. Danforth,	1.00	
N. B. Butrick,	13.43	
Nov. 28, "	2.88	
Cyrus Taylor,	1.50	
Jan. 2, C. A. Pearsons,	7.71	
Feb. 15, B. L. and A. Wells,	3.27	
18, J. W. Wilbur,	7.85	
		$354 62

F. W. Bingham's District.

Paid:	
Amount as per agent's receipts,	$286.87
Mar. 9, M. B. Pray,	9.28
Apr. 25, J. W. Wilbur, breaking roads,	14.05
S. N. Colby,	4.75
G. L. Tilton,	1.50
J. R. Connor and help,	10.25
May 30, F. W. Bingham, labor on sewer,	42.41
June 27, J. W. Wilbur,	8.75
F. W. Bingham and help,	28.13
Aug. 29, " " "	100.00
J. W. Wilbur,	47.50
Sept. 26, W. W. Wilbur,	1.90
F. W. Bingham and help,	97.90
Oct. 31, R. S. Danforth,	2.60
Nov. 28, Cyrus Taylor,	8.21
G. L. Tilton,	3.47

Dec. 26,	Taylor & Merrill,	$1.87	
	S. N. Colby,	3.12	
Jan. 2,	C. A. Pearsons,	1.45	
	J. A. Haynes,	15.15	
	G. A. Robie,	1.12	
30,	F. W. Bingham and help,	14.62	
	C. Boardman,	.68	
Feb. 15,	B. L. & A. Wells,	.75	
17,	E. D. Crosby & Co.,	3.72	
18,	J. W. Wilbur,	19.80	
19,	S. N. Colby,	2.25	
26,	Wm. F. Hannaford,	3.25	
			$735.35

S. H. Cross' District.

Paid:

Amount per agent's receipts,		$384.23	
Mar. 7,	S. H. Cross, breaking roads,	8.97	
28,	" " "	1.50	
Apr. 25,	J. W. Wilbur, " "	1.25	
	S. H. Cross,	7.50	
	G. L. Tilton,	1.25	
May 30,	S. H. Cross and help,	16.25	
June 27,	"	54.01	
	" at foot of Lake,	126.18	
	B. M. Ames,	15.00	
July 25,	S. H. Cross and help,	23.75	
Sept. 16,	" "	34.49	
26,	S. N. Colby,	9.25	
26,	S. H. Cross,	32.12	
Oct. 26,	Moses Emmons,	11.05	
31,	R. S. Danforth,	1.00	
31,	S. H. Cross,	87.68	
Nov. 18,	W. J. Randolph,	13.12	
28,	Cyrus Taylor,	6.80	
28,	G. L. Tilton,	9.35	
28,	S. H. Cross,	34.69	
28,	J. S. Conner,	6.16	

Nov. 28, C. A. Smith,	$13.03	
28, Mason, Perkins & Co.,	5.00	
Jan. 2, J. A. Haynes,	.50	
30, S. H. Cross,	20.45	
Feb. 19, G. L. Tilton,	20.35	
		$944.93

$197.72 of the above was worked at foot of the lake and outside of this district.

Solon Dolloff's District.

Paid:

Amount per agent's receipts,	$57.21	
May 30, Milo Fellows,	5.50	
		$62.71

Levi J. Nelson's District.

Paid:

Amount per agent's receipt,	$24.89	
Apr. 25, S. N. Colby,	1.25	
Charles Kidder,	1.25	
Otis Damon,	13.33	
B. G. Durgin,	1.25	
Perley Johnson,	1.25	
Nov. 7, L. J. Nelson,	3 37	
Feb. 23, " "	5.30	
		$51.89

Webster Heath's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipt,	$53.24	
Apr. 25, C. G. Dow,	1.31	
S. N. Colby,	1.25	
C. Kidder,	1.25	
G. L. Tilton,	12.00	
J. M. R. Emmons,	8.09	
Aug. 29, Webster Heath,	19.09	
Oct. 31,	43.50	
		$139.73

J. Robie's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$44.62	
Sept. 26, John Robie, breaking roads,	16.19	
26, Work,	10.50	
Feb. 17, A. J. Ferrin,	4.61	
24, S. W. Swett,	3.12	
	——	$79.04

A. J. Ferrin's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$11.18	
Sept. 26, A. J. Ferrin, breaking roads,	6.84	
Feb. 17, " " labor,	3.83	
	——	$22.48

Fred Kidder's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$29.22	
June 27, F. Kidder, breaking roads,	10.30	
Oct. 31, " labor,	7.91	
Feb. 20, " breaking roads,	5.10	
	——	$52.53

Thomas Wicom's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$9.16	
Nov. 28, Thomas Wicom,	7.14	
Feb. 20, " "	2.77	
	——	$19.07

Walter Muzzey's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$20.32	
Mar. 9, Otis Sanborn,	2.35	
April 25, Walter Muzzey,	16.51	
May 30, S. K. Worthen,	7.68	
Dec. 26, S. Staples,	1.58	
Feb. 23, W. Muzzey,	10.74	
	——	$59.81

Benjamin Gray's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$25.56	
April 25, Benjamin Gray,	7.36	
25, H. Homan,	7.79	
Feb. 19, Benjamin Gray,	11.76	
	——	$52.47

E. T. Pike's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$104.55	
Mar. 7, breaking roads,	6.00	
28, S. H. Cross,	4.50	
Apr. 25, J. W. Wilbur,	3.50	
25, C. Kidder,	.62	
25, G. L. Tilton,	16.13	
May 9, E. T. Pike,	6.25	
Sept. 26, D. H. Sleeper,	9.17	
Dec. 26, L. C. Bailey,	1.50	
Jan. 30, R. B Rollins,	1.25	
Feb. 20, E. T. Pike,	11.95	
	——	$165.42

Almon Hasting's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$70.50	
Mar. 4, Breaking roads,	14.50	
Apr. 25, J. M. Sleeper,	12.35	
25, S. D. Gray,	5.25	
25, Almon Hastings,	12.34	
Jan. 30, " "	4.96	
Feb. 25, " "	3.50	
	——	$123.40

C. H. Mudgett's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$29.43	
Feb. 18, C. H. Mudgett,	6.00	
	——	$35.43

C. A. Gale's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$23.75	
Sept. 26, C. A. Gale,	2.48	
Oct. 31, N. T. Chase,	1.50	
Feb. 14, C. A. Gale,	2.25	
	——	$29.98

J. W. Burleigh's District.

Paid:

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$34.53	
Dec. 14, H. C. Gordon,	9.11	
Feb. 20, J. W. Burleigh,	12.40	
20, S. K. Worthen,	4.83	
	——	$60.87

Favor Lock's District.

Paid:

Jan. 30, Favor Lock,	$2.88	
30, Amount worked out,	8.62	
	——	11.50

D. Y. Emmon's District.

Paid;

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$22.30	
Feb. 23, D. Y. Emmons,	2.87	
S. K. Worthen,	3.62	
	——	$28.79

Elbridge Tilton's District.

Amount as per agent's receipts,	$17.44
	$3,579.28

Miscellaneous Highways and Bridges.

Paid:

Apr. 25, Elmer Newton, snowing bridge,	$1.50
E. M. Eastman, lighting bridge,	6.00
May 30, R. S. Hastings, labor on Gerry bridge,	23.47
June 27, A. B. Crosby, lumber,	68.86
C. H. Mudgett, labor and lumber,	8.75
July 25, W. H. Clapp, sewer caps,	8.50

July 25,	W. D. Thompson, sewer pipe,	$100.00
Sept. 26,	W. W. Wilbur, snowing bridge,	2.75
29,	J. R. Connor, freight on sewer pipe,	28.90
	" " "	11.40
Oct. 31,	Oren Nelson, watering tub,	3.00
	A. B. Gale, lighting bridge,	15.00
Nov. 28,	A. Blake, grade,	3.24
	C. Taylor, spikes for Gerry bridge,	.60
	G. L. Tilton, teaming,	2.25
	H. B. Perkins, lumber,	41.03
Dec. 14,	W. D. Thompson, sewer caps and pipe.	188.78
26,	Mason, Perkins & Co., 8 casks cement,	15.20
	Stephen Staples, covering stone,	7.50
	A. K. Peasley, watering tub,	3.00
Jan. 2,	G. A. Robie, iron for Gerry bridge,	1.88
30,	Bristol Water Power Co., lumber,	2.25
	E. A. Colby, painting watering tub,	1.25
	E. Sanborn, lumber and brick,	18.00
	Otis Wade, labor on bridge and watering tub,	4.00
Feb. 17,	E. D. Crosby & Co., lumber,	76.08
	" " " for Gerry bridge,	46.95
	A. B. Gale, lighting bridge,	10.00
	R. S. Hasting, labor on bridge,	2.00
18,	C. Taylor, lanterns, &c., for bridge,	1.37
	H. B. Perkins, oak posts,	1.50
	C. H. Mudgett, snowing bridge,	2.63
19,	Mrs. S. Tilton, watering tub,	2.00
20,	E. T. Pike, "	3.00
Feb. 22,	D. H. Sleeper, rubbling at the lake,	2.66
		$715.30

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid:

Mar, 9,	J. W. Griffith, over-tax in 1874,	$1.85
25,	R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	35.00
28,	C. L. Clay, over-tax in 1884,	12.00
Apr. 8,	S. S. Brown, plow castings,	2.60

	10, J. C. Wheet, returning births and deaths,	$5.50
May	9, R. W. Musgrove, printing,	13.90
June	20, M. O. Edgerly, Memorial Day,	48.81
	27, J. M. Sleeper, sheep killed by dogs,	3.00
July	25, E. C. Eastman, town books, &c.,	15.00
Sept.	26, F. W. Bingham, surveying town lines,	7.50
	C. A. Gale, damage to sleigh,	1.00
	John S. Conner, land damage,	55.00
Oct.	21, A. B. Gale, trimming trees,	2.07
Nov.	2, F. P. Fields, for precinct,	150.00
	28, J. H. Brown, surveying and copy of records,	13.00
	R. W. Musgrove, printing,	10.50
Dec.	19, M. W. White, note and interest,	721.00
	26, J. R. Connor, bounty on woodchucks,	17.20
Jan.	2, L. W. Fling, expenses in Sprague case,	100.00
	30, S. H. Rollins, land damage,	.25
Feb.	15, B. L. & A. Wells, lumber, and labor on town clock,	12.67
	15, Quint & Simonds, painting S. S. Pattee's sleigh,	2.00
	18, G. Boardman, repairs S. S. Pattee's sleigh,	7.00
	19, C. A. Pearsons, " " "	3.45
	O. B. Ray, sheep killed by dogs,	12.00
	C. H. Calley, burial permits,	4.80
	" marriages, deaths, births,	8.40
	J. M. Bishop, hearing in Dist. No. 1,	2.00
	" returning deaths,	.50
	" vaccinating,	5.00
	22, Roswell Blake, over-tax,	1.80
	23, French & Merrill, repair lead pipe,	1.00
	Dickinson & Horner, wood for town hall,	4 25
	L. J. Nelson, 1 sheep killed by dogs,	4.00
	G. H. Calley, returning births and deaths,	4.75
	" vaccinating 150,	26.00
	24, E. A. Colby, painting signs,	1 80
	Bucklin & Wilbur, teams,	11.30
	25, Sam Follansbee, damage crossing land,	3.00
	Fling & Chase, services,	24.25
	" " recording deeds,	.75
	" " 2 term fees,	16.00
	C. S. Flanders, keeping tramps,	1.00
	26, A. P. Harriman, ministerial fund,	6.00
	Mrs. J. Alden, keeping tramp,	1.00
	O. K. Bucklin, board of tramps, and pest house,	6.25
Feb.	26, J. R. Connor, expenses to settle with state treasurer,	3.00

Feb. 26,	J. R. Connor, copying records,	$6.00
	" postage, &c.,	1.50
	S. H. Cross, running town lines,	4.00
	" teams and money paid out,	15.00
	keeping tramps,	.75
	F. W. Bingham, team,	2.00
	" copying records,	4.00
	" running town lines,	2.00
		$1,424.40

Street Lamps.

Mar. 24,	A. B. Gale, lighting lamps,	$18.33
Apr. 21,	" "	19.16
25,	E. M. Eastman,	1.67
May 30,	A. B. Gale, lighting lamps,	20.00
Jun. 27,	" "	20.00
Aug. 29.	" "	40.00
Sept. 26,	" "	20.00
	C. Boardman, oil account of Gale,	13.25
Oct. 31,	A. B. Gale, lighting lamps,	6.75
"	" repair of lamps,	4.18
Nov. 28,	" lighting lamps,	20 00
	Cyrus Taylor, lamps, &c.,	8.09
Dec. 26,	A. B. Gale, lighting lamps,	20.00
Jan. 30,	" "	20.00
	C. Boardman, oil account Gale,	6.00
Feb. 19,	A. B. Gale, lighting lamps,	13.23
		$250.66

Minot-Sleeper Library.

Mar. 9,	R. W. Musgrove, printing,	$25.25
Apr. 25,	Dickinson & Horner, 2 cords of woods,	8.00
	Frank Johnson, sawing wood.	1.25
June 20,	L. S. Bartlett, care, &c., of library,	25.00
Nov. 28,	R. W. Musgrove, record books, &c.,	12.37
	Cyrus Taylor, oil and sawing wood,	1.50
	G. L. Tilton, work,	.25
Dec. 26,	F. A. Gordon, repairs, labor and material,	20.44
	Maud Gordon, services for 9 months,	75.00
Jan. 30,	C. Boardman, lamps,	.70
Feb. 17,	E. D. Crosby & Co., lumber,	1.91
Feb. 17,	R. S. Hasting, labor,	1.00
18,	C. Taylor, oil, hardware, &c.,	37.82

Feb. 26, I. A. Chase, paper, &c.,		$1.23
S. F. Hammond, sawing wood,		2.98
		$214.70

Fowler's River Bridge.

Oct. 3, I. N. Ford, lumber,		$28.00
31, " "		69.56
" "		100.00
R. S. Hastings, labor,		180.49
Nov. 28, E. M. Drake, lumber and pins,		5.78
Cyrus Taylor, hardware, &c.,		12.58
G. L. Tilton, teaming,		5.50
Dec. 26, Taylor & Merrill, shingles,		30.94
Jan. 2, G. A. Robie, labor and iron,		36.46
Feb. 15, B. L. & A. Wells, lumber,		3.00
Feb. 24, Bucklin & Wilbur, teams,		19.50
26, J. R. Conner, money paid out,		6.50
		$498.31

County Pauper Bills.

BETSEY LADD.

Paid:

Mar. 28, G. L. Tilton, board,	$8.00	
June 27, G. L. Tilton, "	13.65	
Oct. 13, Hattie Darling, "	18.00	
Dec. 26, D. S. Fowler, medicine,	.85	
Jan. 30, Hattie Darling,	13.00	
Feb. 18, C. H. Whitton, medicine,	.70	
		$54.25

MRS. JOHN COLBY.

Mar. 28, D. J. Hunt, sawing wood,	$2.50	
Apr. 25, Dickinson & Horner, wood,	7.50	
29, " " shoes,	2.00	
May, 9, Geo. H. Calley, med. attendance,	17.25	
11, C. Boardman, groceries,	9.36	
Nov. 28, C. Taylor, "	9.20	
Dec. 26, C. H. Tukey, wood,	1.75	
A. P. Harriman, shoes,	1.10	
G. H. Calley, med. atttendance,	6.00	
Dickinson & Horner, shoes,	1.35	
J. R. Connor, car fare,	5.00	
T. H. Daniels, meat,	49	
Feb. 17, E. D. Crosby & Co., wood,	1.25	
		$64.75

BENJ. EVANS.

Apr. 25, J. W. Wilbur, hauling wood,	$ .75	
Dickinson & Horner, wood,	12.00	
Nov. 7, J. C. Wheet, med. attendance Mrs. Evans,	7.00	
28, C. Taylor, goods,	9.56	
		$29.31

MOSES KIMBALL.

May. 9, Dickinson & Horner for clothing,	$6.00	
David Follansbee, board,	12.00	
11, S. P. Kirk, "	18.25	
Oct. 31. C. H. Whitton, & Co.,	1.75	
		$38.00

WILLIE DYSERT.

Apr. 25, Dickinson & Horner, clothing,	$8.75	
Dec. 26, F. W. Bingham, case and expense taking to County farm	8.75	
Feb. 22, Joseph Mason, for board,	12.50	
		$30.00

JOSEPH GLINES.

May 9, G. H. Calley, for med. attendance in 1883,		$9.00

JOHN BATCHELDER.

May 9, J. C. Wheet, med. attendance		$13 50
		$238.76

Town Pauper Bills.

MRS. SHERBURN WELLS.

Paid:

Apr. 25, Dickinson & Horner, shoes,	$1.65	
F. Johnson, sawing wood,	1.50	
Sept. 26, Mrs Johnson, care of,	25.00	
Oct. 31, C. H. Whitton, medicines,	2.33	
I. S. Chase, medical attendance,	19.00	
Nov. 28, Mary Meaker, board,	10.50	
G. D. Sanborn, wood,	5.45	
C. Taylor, groceries,	16.47	
Dec. 26, C. S. Flanders, meat,	.48	
Feb. 18, C. Taylor, groceries,	7.89	
18, G. D. Sanborn, care and wood,	17.25	
23, Dickinson and Horner, wood,	4.00	
25, Z. E. Tilton, milk bill,	5.10	
French & Merrill,	1.00	
		$117.62

MRS. CYRUS BENNETT.

Paid:

June 17, Mrs. J. W. Sanborn, board,	$22.50	
Dec. 26, " " "	42.50	
		$65.00
		$182.62

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid:

Mar. 7, Auditors,	$4.00	
9, A. Blake, supervisor,	5.00	
28, F. Bartlett, "	5.00	
Apr. 8, M. W. White, " 2 years,	15.00	
Feb. 18, Charles Boardman, treasurer,	40.00	
19, C. H. Calley, town clerk,	40.00	
J. M. Bishop, school committee,	40.00	
" board of health,	5.00	
20, C. N. Drake, supervisor,	5.00	
23, G. H. Calley, board of health,	7.00	
B. Q. Fellows, board of health,	7.00	
25, C. S. Flanders, collector,	119.00	
" police,	25.00	
26, F. W. Calley, "	25.90	
J. R. Connor, selectman,	126.50	
S. H. Cross, selectman,	123.00	
F. W. Bingham, selectman,	131.00	
		$722.50

Abatement for 1885.

School-house tax in No. 1,	$41.93
Arial Dickerson, sickness,	5.42
Hiram Dicey, left town,	1.80
C. S. Hadley, "	1.80
E. Hanscomb, paid in Bridgewater,	1.80
N. Preston, dog tax,	1.00
A. W. Prescott, left town,	1.80
Fred Quimby, no road,	2.78
Fred Rowe, left town,	1.80
S. S. Sanborn, sickness,	1.80
G. H. Tilton, left town,	1.30
Sherburn Wells, heirs of, poverty,	4.49
Orrin Wallace, no road,	.50
Rosco Watts, left town,	1.80

Roscoe Sanborn, left town,	$1.62
P. S. C ffin, "	3.79
Aland Gale, "	2.65
John Smith, "	1.15
Alford Adams "	1.62
Alberto Heath, "	3.89
A. M. Page, "	1.80
Moore & Flanders, over-tax,	.46
J. Jewett, over 70,	1.80
O. B. Fogg, sickness,	1.12
	$89.92

Abatement paid back by the Town.

Josiah Minot, on library,	$25.60
Chas. S. Flanders, in district No. 1,	3.46
E. B. Blackstone, tax on oxen paid in Hebron,	1.62
" poll tax, pensioner,	1 62
	$32.30

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,		$15,854.76
Paid:		
State tax,	$1,344.00	
County tax,	1,351.26	
Schools,	2,060·49	
Highways and bridges,	3,579.28	
Miscellaneous highways and bridges,	715.30	
" bills,	1,424.40	
Fowler's River Bridge,	498.31	
Street lamps,	250.66	
Minot-Sleeper Library,	214.70	
County pauper bills,	238.76	
Town "	182.62	
Town Officers' bills,	722.50	
Abatements,	122.22	
Bonds and interest,	1,269.36	
Amount in Treasury,	1,880.90	
		$15,854.76

Due on Bonds March 1, 1886.

David Mason,	$1,000.00
Amanda Stearns,	500.00
R. S. Danforth,	800.00
N. W. Cass,	100.00
A. J. Smith, heirs,	300.00
M. W. White,	200.00
Mrs. H. A. Taylor,	200.00
Geo. H. White,	300.00
C. N. Merrill,	200.00
Mary C. Mudgett,	400.00
Sarah Cheney,	200.00
Mrs. Daniel Kelley,	200.00
Interest to March 1st, 1886,	176.00
	$4,576.00

Amount the Town Owes.

Bonds and iuterest,	$4,576.00	
Due Precinct.	50.00	
Due school district No. 2,	218.61	
		$4,844.61

Due the Town.

In hands of Treasurer,	$1,880.90	
From county for support of paupers,	17.00	
		$1,897.90

Actual debt of town,	$2,946.71
Reduction of debt,	$1,607.82

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CONNOR,
S. H. CROSS,
F. W. BINGHAM, } Selectmen of Bristol.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

B. F. PERKINS,
B. M. AMES, } Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRISTOL,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

Fellow Citizens:—Again it becomes the duty of your committee to present you with the statement of the condition and progress of your schools, and also the manner in which your school money has been expended. In doing this, I am pleased to report that the usual prosperity has attended them. The teachers evinced a good degree of interest in their efforts, and in general proved themselves sufficient for their work. The scholars characterized themselves by their good deportment and studious habits. With one exception, nothing, so far as the knowledge of the committee extends, has occurred in any district that would have a tendency to hinder the success of its school; and in this, as time has since revealed, the wisest course was adopted and the difficulties were very pleasantly settled. Your committee has intended to faithfully discharge his duties. He has twice visited each term of school, excepting two, these he visited only once. He has rendered such assistance and given such counsel to teachers and scholars as circumstances seemed to demand.

There have been no changes of books made during the year, and no introduction of new ones except a small work on physiology and hygiene, called "The Child's Health Primer," a work well adapted to the needs of the primary scholars, and many of

the higher grade may receive wholesome instruction from it. A copy of this was placed in the hands of the several teachers with the request that from twenty to thirty minutes each day be devoted to orally teaching its contents. Some of the teachers have since spoken in high praise of the practice.

The average length of the schools in the several districts, outside of Union District, has been nine weeks during the year, and the amount expended for one scholar per week has been fifty-one cents and six mills, while Union District has averaged thirty weeks of school, and the sum expended for one scholar per week has only been twenty-seven cents and four mills. This not only shows a great difference in expense but a great difference in school privileges. This arises from the number of teachers that have to be employed to teach so few scholars. Our new school law is designed, no doubt, to remedy, in a measure, this condition. We hope it may prove successful in this respect.

A word of suggestion may perhaps be admissible. When we consider that between the ages of five and fifteen years the foundation of future character in a very great degree is laid, the moral as well as the physical, we see how necessary it is that they should receive the right instruction during this important period of life. I heartily coincide with the remarks made in last year's report in respect to the great moral work that is so largly dependent on our school teachers. This should have its proper influence on our minds when we are about to secure an instructor for our children.

Union District No. 1.

This district has had two terms of school—a summer and fall term. The summer was taught by Miss Maud Knox, who had previously taught several terms in this district with entire satisfaction. This term was no less successful than the former ones. The school appeared well, and manifested a good degree of interest in their studies. The closing examination was very satisfactory. Miss Knox expected to have taught the fall term, but was prevented by sickness. Consequently Miss Etta Clifford was employed to teach the fall term of seven weeks.

This was her first attempt in teaching. She succeeded quite well, especially with the smaller scholars. Had the discipline been a little better, the appearance of the school would have been improved, but more experience no doubt will prove a remedy for this defect.* Roll of honor: Mabel E. Patten, Mina J. Kelley, Lizzie M. Kelley, Grace E. Ballou, Fred Patten.

District No. 2.

See Graded School.

District No. 3.

Had a fall term of seven weeks, taught by an experienced teacher, Miss Lizzie B. Bishop. The committee visited the school near its commencement and close, and was well pleased with its appearance. The discipline was good, the scholars were studious, and the instruction was thorough. A good interest and the kindest of feeling existed in the school. The closing examination showed marked improvement.

District No. 4.

Has had a fall term of five weeks and three days, taught by Mrs. Ella P. Heath. This school has been taught several years by Mrs. Heath, and with the best success. This like most of our district schools is small, yet the scholars seem to use their privilege to the best advantage. Roll of honor: Ria E. Emmons, Adna J. Tilton, Ada L. Tilton.

District No. 5.

This school for the want of a suitable school house was very conveniently accommodated at the residence of Mr. Ferrin. The fall term of ten weeks and four days was taught by Miss Sara Burleigh, who gave good satisfaction. She had plenty of time to render her pupils all needful assistance and was happy in so doing. Roll of honor: Benjamin F. Stone, Arthur A. Ferrin.

District No. 6.

A fall term of nine weeks in this district was taught by Miss

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*See table of statistics.

Minnie M. Howard. It was a very pleasant term of school. The scholars were inclined to improve their limited privileges. Diligent efforts are rewarded with success. Roll of honor: Arthur Staples, Etta E. Staples, Sammie Worthen.

District No. 7.

This district had a summer term of six weeks, taught by Mrs. Addie A. Emery. There are only two scholars in the district. The committee visited the school only once, but is confident that it was as successful a term as could reasonably be expected. Roll of honor: Daniel H. Gray, Stella Emery.

District No. 8.

This district has had two successful terms of school this year. The spring term of six weeks was taught by Miss Mary A. Morrill. The whole number of scholars was twenty five, the largest school in town except the graded school. There was apparently an increasing interest manifested. The school was well disciplined. The teacher possessed the happy faculty to please her pupils as well as to instruct them. The exercises at the close, consisting of recitations and declamations, in which most of the school took part, as well as the examinations of the classes, were very commendable. A goodly number of parents and friends were present thereby showing that they had an interest in the school. The fall term of five weeks was taught by Miss Sarah M. Frye. This term compared favorably with the former. The good interest and discipline were successfully maintained. Roll of honor, first term: Abbie Pike, Alice M. Tilton, Agnes M. Dolloff, Oscar L. Fowler, Willie Rollins, Bertie Rollins, Eddie H. Wheeler. Second term: Myrtie R. Wheeler, Eddie H. Wheeler, Willie W. Rollins.

District No. 9.

In this district a fall term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Mina Hill. The whole number of scholars was twelve. The committee visited this school twice. At each visit the general appearance was good. Judging from the rank of conduct given in the teacher's register, this must have been a very orderly

school. All the scholars ranked between good and excellent, with one exception, and this one was marked medium. Good order is one of the needful conditions in a successful school. Roll of honor: Alexander Adams, George Adams, Ernest Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BISHOP, *Supt. Committee.*

UNION DISTRICT.

It is, perhaps, needless to recount the leading facts of the administration of the graded schools the past year. The time given to the work has been the same as formerly—thirty weeks. The query arises whether it be not too short a time. Would thirty-six weeks out of the fifty-two be too many? The complaint is frequently seen in the public prints that there are tendencies toward over-work in schools of all grades. Would it not be well to give more time and less intensity? Of course this would involve additional expense; but if we put into one scale the best possible education for our children and into the other a few extra dollars, ought the balance to be doubtful?

The principal of the High School resigned at the close of the first term after more than a year of service, being recalled to a former situation. The task of filling the vacancy is not an easy one, as will be evident when the duties of the place and the compensation offered are both considered. Many teachers are qualified educationally who lack executive ability, and there is always hesitation in appointing a lady to take charge of those who are currently supposed to be too old to be "boys" and too young to be "gentlemen." After giving much time and earnest thought to the whole matter we decided to employ a male teacher. As a result there was acknowledged thoroughness in instruction and efficiency of administration. Considerable prominence was given to the study of Physiology; the wide-spread ignorance of this science among men and women would seem to be sufficient justification. Two of our physicians, Drs. Calley and Fowler, have given their services in re-

lieving dry, text-book study by fresh, practical talks upon this most practical subject. We desire to express our thanks to them for this service. There have been procured during the past year for this department a Harper's Latin Dictionary, a Classical Atlas, and a set of Outline Maps. In the prosecution of some lines of work the Public Library has been found very useful. The Cyclopedias, Dictionaries, and Histories, of which the collection is somewhat full, have been largely used. We hope this is but the beginning of a free and intelligent use of these really valuable aids to investigation. The riches of our library have yet to be discovered by many of those who use it. They will be found, not in the works of E. P. Roe, but in Allison, Macaulay, and Emerson.

At the close of the second term the teacher in the Intermediate department resigned her position, laying aside the vocation. Her successor came with an excellent reputation as a teacher which she fully sustained. The teachers in the other departments are too well and too favorably known to need any word from us. They have wrought earnestly and wisely.

During the first term of the year, the need of additional room for the Primary department was very apparent. It was absolutely necessary to divide the school, and the best accommodations that could be found were miserably inadequate. The same necessity may be upon us again the coming year. We would suggest the imperative need of providing for it, either by an annex to the school building or by a separate structure.

We hope the day is not far distant when our town will take her place abreast other communities in providing for musical instruction in all her schools. Some work in this has been done by individual teachers, particularly in the Intermediate department, but what we need is a system of such instruction for the schools of the town. A knowledge of the rudiments of music is not merely an "accomplishment" but is a true part of education. We wish, however, to call special attention to one thing which should not be forgotten. As a matter of fact, our schools, as at present managed, afford unusual facilities consid-

ering the amount of money expended. They will compare favorably with many schools of much larger financial resources and greater pretensions.

We bespeak for our schools a hearty interest which shall show itself, notably in increased visitation by parents and others, but especially by a full attendance of ladies as well as gentlemen at the annual school-meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis W. Fling,
Ira A. Chase,
H. G. Pillsbury,
Margaret H. Fling,
K. E. Dearborn,
Laura A. Berry,
} *Board of Education.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

No. of District.	NAME OF TEACHER.	TERM.	No of weeks of school.	Whole No. of scholars.	No. in reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Rhetoric.	Physiology.	Vocal Music.	Physical Geography.	English Literature.	Latin.	Geometry.	Children over 5 years who have not attended 2 weeks or more.	Children over 5 years who have attended 2 weeks or more	No. of visits by parents and friends.	No. of visits by school committee.	Wages of teacher per month.	No. of scholars reported by the selectmen. Female.	Male.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
1	Maud M. Knox.	Spring.	8	13	13	13	9	13	3	1	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	8	2	$20 00	Total in town, 97.	Total in town, 110.	Marshal. Ballou.
1	Etta L. Clifford.	Fall.	8	15	15	15	10	9	2	1	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	11	2	20 00			" "
3	Lizzie B. Bishop.	Fall.	7	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	3	2	18 00			Porter Hall.
4	Ella P. Heath.	Fall.	5.6	3	3	3	0	3	3	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	1	....	8	1	16.00			Newell Emmons.
5	Sara A. Burleigh.	Summer.	10.4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	13	2	12.00			A. J. Ferrin.
6	Minnie M. Howard	Fall.	9	5	5	5	5	3	4	1	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	...	2	2	17.00			Samuel Worthen.
7	Addie A. Emery.	Summer.	6	2	2	2	2	1	....	...	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	....	0	1	18.00			Benjamin Gray.
8	Mary A. Morrill.	Spring.	5.8	25	25	25	14	14	6	....	....	....	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	14	2	22.00			Edwin Pike.
8	Sarah M. Frye.	Fall.	5.3	21	21	21	7	8	3	3	....	....	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	10	2	22 00			" "
9	Mina Hill.	Fall.	8 2	12	12	12	8	6	5	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	8	2	20.00			N. T. Chase.
Union Primary.	E. A. Nelson.	Summer.	10	47	47	47	47	47	25	....	....	....	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	47	25	..	30.00			BOARD OF EDUCATION.
	" "	Fall.	11	65	65	65	65	65	20	..	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	65	22	..	30.00			
	" "	Winter.	9	62	62	62	62	62	22	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	62	27	..	30 00			
Intermediate.	Mary M. Cass.	Summer.	10	26	26	26	26	26	26	16	.	....	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	....	....	26	20	..	30.00			
	" "	Fall	11	35	35	35	35	35	35	12	....	....	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	....	..	35	25	..	30 00			
	Luella J. Lock.	Winter.	9	34	34	34	34	34	34	24	....	....	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	....	....	34	35	..	30 00			
Grammar.	E. Belle Calley.	Summer.	10	25	25	25	25	25	....	25	12	25	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	....	....	25	17	..	34.00			
	" "	Fall.	11	31	31	31	31	31	15	29	15	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	31	11	..	34 00			
	" "	Winter.	9	35	35	34	34	35	11	34	14	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	35	22	..	34.00			
High	Clara M. Smith.	Summer.	10	14	7	....	....	2	....	....	10	7	..	7	5	..	..	4	10	4	..	....	14	20	..	48.00			
	A. B. Crawford.	Fall.	11	20	17	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	4	14	..	14	..	..	..	11	..	....	19	13	..	48.00			
	" "	Winter.	9	16	15	..	....	....	....	....	....	15	4	13	..	10	..	..	..	8	..	....	15	15	..	48.00			

Treasurer's Report,

UNION DISTRICT NO. 2.

MONEY RECEIVED.

In hand of Treasurer of district,	$63.06
School money required by law,	943.61
Raised by vote for support of schools,	300.00
" " to pay on debt of district and repairs,	500.00
	$1,806.67

PAID OUT.

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid:

Dearborn & Chase, for insurance,	$45.00

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid:

Clara M. Smith, teaching 10 weeks school at $12 per week,	$120.00
A. B. Crawford, teaching 20 weeks school at $12 per week,	240.00
E. Belle Calley, teaching 30 weeks school at $8.50 per week,	255.00
Mary M. Cass, teaching 21 weeks school at $7.50 per week,	$157.50
Luella Locke, teaching 9 weeks of school at $7.50 per week,	$67.50
E. A. Nelson, teaching 30 weeks of school at $7.50 per week,	225.00
Maud Gordon, teaching 9 weeks of school at $2.50 per week,	$22.50

R. W. Musgrove, publishing and printing financial report,	$6.50
Jamine Ballou, sawing wood,	8.00
Mrs. Mary J. Quimby, cleaning school-house,	12.00
John Kidder, care of school-house,	11.00
Abbie S. Harriman, use of room for 2d primary school,	8.00
Jerry Haynes' bill,	.50
Telegram to Miss Smith,	.25
Jamine Ballou, putting 16 cords of wood in cellar,	5.00
J. W. Preston, crayons,	1.00
C. H. Whitton & Co., books, etc.,	10.75
John H Kidder, care of school room fall term,	13.75
" " " " winter term,	16.45
Postage, etc.,	.10
C. H. Whitton & Co., crayons,	2.75
L. W. Fling, for wood,	1.95
	$1,185.50

REPAIRS.

Paid:

John Kidder, work on yard,	$5.24
" " fixing glass, hooks, etc.,	.45
Taylor & Gordon, for stock and work at school-house,	8.50
Jamine Ballou, shing ling school-house,	17.00
Arthur Hutchinson, for fence pickets,	1.00
John Kidder, repair of school-house,	.60
Quint & Simonds, blackboards and painting,	10.35
Ira A. Chase, brushes, etc.,	.87
Taylor & Merrill, shingles,	30.56
Charts and check,	10.05
S. D. Fellows,	7.29
Cyrus Taylor, articles for school-house,	15.83
	$107.74

ON INDEBTEDNESS OF DISTRICT.

Paid Lovina Fellows, on note,	$417.75

RECAPITULATION.

Total received,		$1,806.67
Paid:		
Outstanding bills,	$45.00	
For support of schools,	1,185.50	
For repairs,	107.74	
On indebtedness of district,	417.75	
Balance in school treasurer's hands,	50.68	
		$1,806.67

OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES MARCH 1, 1886.

David Mason's note,	$1,061.22

KENSON E. DEARBORN, Treasurer.

THE MINOT-SLEEPER LIBRARY.

The trustees of the Minot-Sleeper library have the honor to submit to the people of the town this their first annual report.

The treasurer reports total cash receipts for the year as follows:—

From Messrs. Minot and Sleeper, raised by subscription, and from the librarian for fines, catalogues sold, etc.,	$2,053.16

Disbursements for the year are as follows:—

Paid out for books, catalogues, incidentals, etc.,	$1,940.10
Balance cash in hands of treasurer and deposited in Bristol Savings Bank,	$119.06

The librarian reports:—

Total number books in the library,	1,300
Number cards issued for the year,	482
" books " "	8,021
Average number of books issued per month,	729
" " " day,	91

It will appear from the foregoing statement that the library has been a remarkable success in the patronage it has received during this, its first year. The books purchased have been carefully selected, and their daily issue shows that they have been fully appreciated by our intelligent community. A grand beginning has been made of what will assuredly prove a powerful educational factor in our future. The enterprise needs no words of commendation from us in order to secure for it the most liberal support from those who appreciate the value of such influences, not only for ourselves, but also for posterity.

Respectfully submitted,

For the trustees,

R. W. MUSGROVE, *Chairman.*

J. M. BISHOP, *Secretary.*